

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Mail Stop: RCE

Hiroya OKUMURA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2001\_1255A

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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: